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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Toivo Kivimaki November 1958

CLERK and TREASURER

Charles F. H. Crathern March 1958

SELECTMEN

Paul G. Robbins March 1958

Tracy A. Eaton March 1959

Raymond C. Akerman March 1960

TAX COLLECTOR

Herman O. Schulze March 1958

HIGHWAY AGENT

Harold C. Miller March 1958

AUDITORS

Toivo Kivimaki March 1958

Leland Wildes March 1958

REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT

Tracy A. Eaton March 1958

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Harold C. Miller November 1958

Guy F. Washburn November 1958

Vivian Ilomaki November 1958

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Elizabeth O. Jones March 1958

Elsie Resor	March 1959
Esther Spaulding	March 1960

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Conray G. Wharff	March 1959
Charles F. H. Crathern	March 1959
Tracy A. Eaton	March 1960

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

Alfred Spear	March 1958
Conray G. Wharff	March 1959
Frank Newell	March 1960

POLICE OFFICERS

Albert L. Dunham, Jr., Chief	Appointed
Fred Gilson, Special	Appointed
Leo Leino, Special	Appointed
Irving Spear, Special	Appointed

DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Charles F. H. Crathern	Appointed
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FIRE CHIEF

Curtis V. Dunn	Appointed
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FOREST FIRE WARDENS

James Bell, Chief	
Carl Valyou	G. Porter Washburn
Curtis Dunn	Harold Miller

HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. Robert Wellwood	Appointed
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LIBRARIAN

Elsie Resor

Appointed

TOWN HALL JANITOR

Guy F. Washburn

Appointed

SEXTON

Conray G. Wharff

Appointed

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Leland Wildes

Curtis Dunn

Gladys L. Adshead

W. Judson Dondale

Anna Kivimaki

PLANNING BOARD

Charles Babb

Harold Forrest

Adolph Rajala

Tracy A. Eaton

TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Mason in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Mason Town Hall in said Mason on Tuesday, the 11th day of March next at one of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to bring in your ballots for the following town officers:

The polls to close at 7:30 P. M. of the same day.

Town Clerk for one year: Selectman for three years: Town Treasurer for one year: Tax Collector for one year: Highway agent for one year:

And at eight of the clock in the afternoon of the same day, at the same place, to act on the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers, not chosen by the non-partisan ballot, for the ensuing year.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same, according to, or any change thereto as may be made to the report of the Financial Board.

3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen and town treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

4. To see if the town will vote a discount on taxes paid on or before a certain date, or take any action relating thereto.

5. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sell any real estate or growth thereon, now owned by the town, if they with a majority of the Financial Board think it advisable, or take any action relating thereto.

6. To see if the town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made of all town records, by the Municipal accounting division, and make an appropriation for the same.

7. To see if the town will allow the Tax Collector compensation for collecting the State Head Tax, and fix the amount at 8%, or take any action relating thereto.

8. To see if the town will fix the salaries of the Selectmen or other town officers, or take any action relating thereto.

9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 for the salary of the Chief of Police, this sum to be in addition and separate to, his present compensation.

10. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees and Officers heretofore chosen and take any action relating thereto.

11. To see if the town will vote to close the road known as the Script crossing road, subject to gates and bars, as the railroad has closed the crossing, or take any action relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal, this 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

PAUL G. ROBBINS

TRACY A. EATON

RAYMOND C. AKERMAN

Selectmen of Mason

REPORT OF FINANCIAL BOARD

The Financial Board recommends the following budget:

Town Officers, Salaries	\$ 1,250.00
Town Officers, Expenses	800.00
Election & Registration	250.00
Town Hall and other buildings	500.00
Police Department	150.00
Fire Department	250.00
Dutch Elm Disease	100.00
Insurance	400.00
Health	50.00
Town Dump	100.00
State Aid Construction	713.45
Summer Roads	3,000.00
Winter Roads	2,000.00
Street Lighting	225.00
General Expenses Highway Department	1,200.00
Library	400.00
Old Age Assistance	200.00
Public Relief	200.00
Memorial Day	100.00
Parks & Playgrounds	100.00
Cemeteries	250.00
Regional	49.00
Social Security	100.00
Interest	200.00
County Tax	2,751.22
School	28,724.60
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	\$44,063.27

TOWN BUDGET

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE
ENSUING YEAR JANUARY 1, 1958 TO DECEMBER 31, 1958,
COMPARED WITH ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUE,
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PREVIOUS
YEAR JANUARY 7, 1957 TO DECEMBER 31, 1957.

SOURCES OF REVENUE:	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1957	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1957	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1958
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 1,478.91	\$ 1,478.91	\$ 1,478.91
Railroad Tax	175.00		200.00
Savings Bank Tax	88.00	75.49	75.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	35.00	39.99	40.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemp- tion of Growing Wood and Timber	2,541.43	1,874.02	1,800.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	115.00	133.00	125.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	50.00	50.00	50.00
Bulldozer		174.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,800.00	1,809.32	1,800.00
Old Age Recovery	582.39	582.39	
Sale of Town Property Tax Deeded	2,400.00	3,600.00	
Town Owned Land		300.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	306.00	306.00	300.00
Yield Taxes		2,188.96	500.00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES			
		12,612.08	6,368.91

TOWN BUDGET (Continued)

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1957	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1957	Estimated Expenditures Fnsuing Year 1958
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	1,500.00	1,209.65	1,250.00
Town Officers' Expenses	800.00	745.85	800.00
Election and Registration Expenses	100.00	38.10	250.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	500.00	266.74	500.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	275.00	278.48	150.00
Fire Department	250.00	285.49	250.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees	100.00	107.00	100.00
Insurance	400.00	483.59	400.00
Health:			
Health Department, Including Hospitals	50.00	50.00	50.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	100.00	100.00	100.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	4,000.00	6,326.33	3,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000.00	1,516.88	2,000.00
Street Lighting	225.00	223.20	225.00
General Expenses of High- way Department	500.00	196.10	1,200.00
Town Road Aid	585.66	585.66	713.45
Libraries	200.00	200.00	400.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	200.00	28.07	200.00
Old Age Assistance	400.00	401.50	200.00

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	100.00	99.50	100.00
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Recreation:

Parks and Playground, Incl. Band Concerts	150.00	51.00	100.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	250.00	250.00	250.00
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Unclassified:

Advertising and Regional Associations	51.00	51.00	49.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	100.00	95.05	100.00

Interest:	400.00	237.65	200.00
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Payment on Principal of Debt:

Long Term Notes		4,442.63	*1,293.51
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County Taxes	2,751.22	2,751.22	2,751.22
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School Taxes	25,902.41	23,653.44	28,724.60
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES			44,063.27
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* Not included in total

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land and buildings	\$500,346.00
Electric Plants	29,110.00
Stock in Trade	580.00
5 Horses	240.00
26 Cows	1,440.00
11 Gasoline Pumps & Tanks	750.00
Portable Mills & Machinery	640.00
Fur-bearing Animals & Rabbits	50.00
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Total Valuation	\$533,156.00

Less Veterans' Exemptions	35,000.00
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Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is computed	<u>\$498,156.00</u>
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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Town Officers, Salaries	\$ 1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	800.00
Social Security	100.00
Election and Registration	100.00
Town Hall and Other Buildings	500.00
Police Department	275.00
Fire Department	250.00
Dutch Elm Disease	100.00
Health	50.00
Town Dump	100.00
Town Road Aid	585.66
Summer Roads	4,000.00
Winter Roads	2,000.00
General Expenses Highway Dep't.	500.00
Insurance	400.00
Street Lighting	225.00
Old Age Assistance	400.00
Public Relief	200.00
Library	200.00
Memorial Day	100.00
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00
Cemeteries	250.00
Regional	51.00
Interest	400.00
County Tax	2,751.22
School Tax	25,902.41
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 41,890.29</u>

Less: ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 1,478.91
Railroad Tax	175.00
Savings Bank Tax	88.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	35.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption Growing Wood and Timber	2,541.43

Motor Vehicle Permits	1,800.00
Dog Licenses	115.00
Rent of Town Hall	50.00
Sale Tax Deeded Property	2,400.00
Sale Town Owned Land	300.00
Old Age Assistance Recovery	582.39
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	\$ 9,565.73
Balance	\$ 32,324.56
Overlay	162.32
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Total amount to be raised by taxation	\$ 32,486.88
Less: 153 Poll Taxes @ \$2.00	306.00
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Amount to be raised by Property Taxes	\$ 32,180.88
Valuation \$498,156.00 X Rate 6.46	\$ 32,180.88

ASSETS

Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1957	\$ 9,671.25
Due from State, Railroad Tax	
Bulldozer rental (Witty \$25.00) (Jones \$31.00) (Robertson \$5.00) (Tibbetts \$46.00)	107.00
Uncollected Taxes, Property	5,606.22
Uncollected Taxes, Poll	38.00
Uncollected Taxes, Head	135.00
Uncollected Taxes, Yield	20.16
Unredeemed Taxes	537.17
Balance due on fire bill	57.47
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	\$ 16,172.27

LIABILITIES

Due the State, Head Taxes	\$ 135.00
Due the State, School District	11,902.41

Bal. of War Memorial Fund	63.77
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	\$ 12,101.18
Excess of Assets	4,071.09
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	\$ 16,172.27
Long term note, due July 1958	\$ 1,293.51
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall:

Land and other buildings	\$ 8,000.00
Furniture and other Equipment	500.00

Library:

Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
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Fire Department:

Equipment	200.00
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Highway Department:

Equipment	
Sander	300.00
Bulldozer	3,000.00
Roller	200.00
4 Snowplows	600.00
Road Machine	75.00

Parks, Common and Playgrounds	500.00
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Schools:

Land and Buildings	8,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00

All other Town owned Lands:

Obtained by Bequest:

22 a. Lucy Lawrence

Obtained by Gift:

1 a. Veterans of Foreign Wars

Obtained by Tax Sale:

8 a. Hall Land
20 a. Walter Robbins lot
12 a. Henry Barrett lot
5 a. Shattuck lot
15 a. Pt. Farwell Farm
180 a. Sam Barrett Place
50 a. Sam Barrett Place
51 a. Craig lot
15 a. Russell Land
30 a. Perley Pierce lot
17 a. Coburn lot
54 a. Walter Fessenden lot
11 a. Hall lot
20 a. Jeffs lot
100 a. Undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ Baldwin lot
30 a. Foster lot
20 a. Edwin Farnsworth lot
25 a. Sawtell lot
20 a. Esposito lot

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Filing Fees	5.00
Automobile Permits—1956	28.84
Automobile Permits—1957	1,780.48
Dog Licenses:	
48 Male @ 2.00	96.00
7 Female @ 5.00	35.00

4 Penalties @ .50	2.00
Total receipts 1957	\$ 1,947.32

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1957	\$ 4,644.45
Received from Tax Collector	34,255.22
Received from Selectmen	25,746.71
Received from Town Clerk	1,947.32
Total Cash received	61,949.25
Total Cash to account for	66,593.79
Selectmen's orders paid	56,922.47
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1957	\$ 9,671.25

Actual Revenue Received

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1957	\$ 4,644.45
Interest & Dividends Tax	1,478.91
Savings Bank Tax	75.49
Reimbursement a/c State Lands	39.99
Reimbursement a/c exemption growing wood & timber—1956	1,874.02
Reimbursement a/c Forest Conservation Aid, Special and Heavy Timbered—Town	920.62
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,809.32
Dog Licenses	133.00
Filing Fees	5.00
Rent of Town Hall	50.00
Rent of Bulldozer	159.00
Rent of Bulldozer—1956	15.00

Old Age Assistance Recovery	
(Emerson property)	582.39
Sale of Town owned land	300.00
Sale of Tax deeded land	3,600.00
State, T. R. A.	3,904.37
State, Class five roads (Duncan)	2,404.12
Spraying	7.00
Insurance refund	49.42
Cancelled Insurance	8.22
Bonds (Timber)	135.00
Town of Greenville (Fire)	46.01
James Bell (Fire Pumps)	65.00
Arthur Rafter (Tar)	23.06
Taxes redeemed	120.71
Head Taxes	977.00
Poll Taxes	306.00
Property Taxes	30,662.55
Yield Taxes	2,188.96
State refund (Fire Warden Training)	9.09
Temporary Loans	10,000.00
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	\$ 66,593.70

Summary of Expenditures

Town Officers, Salaries	\$ 1,209.65
Town Officers, Expenses	745.85
Social Security	95.05
Election & Registration	38.10
Town Hall & Other Buildings	266.74
Police Department	278.48
Fire Department	285.39
Dutch Elm Disease	107.00

Health	50.00
Town Dump	100.00
Summer Roads	1,326.33
Winter Roads	1,516.88
General Expenses of Highway Department	196.10
Insurance	483.59
Street Lighting	223.20
Library	200.00
Old Age Assistance	401.50
Public Relief	28.07
Temporary Loans	10,000.00
Long Term Note	4,442.63
Memorial Day	99.50
Parks & Playgrounds	51.00
Regional Association	51.00
Cemeteries	250.00
Interest	237.65
Fees	249.87
Refunds	143.32
Head Tax	869.50
County Tax	2,751.22
Yield Tax	602.44
Taxes bought by town	501.87
School District, 1956-57	12,153.44
School District, 1957-58	11,500.00
Bulldozer (labor on rentals)	77.15
Soldiers Monument	436.23
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	\$ 56,968.75
Less:	
Social Security Withheld	
R. C. Akerman	\$ 4.74
C. F. H. Crathern	7.09

Carl Valyou	29.78
Guy F. Washburn	4.67

\$	46.28
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Net Expenditures	\$ 56,922.47
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Town Officers Salaries

Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00
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Paid:

Charles F. H. Crathern, Town Clerk	\$ 100.00
Charles F. H. Crathern, Town Treasurer	100.00
Paul G. Robbins, Selectman	268.40
Tracy A. Eaton, Selectman	280.70
Raymond C. Akerman, Selectman	210.55
Herman O. Schulze, Tax Collector	200.00
Toivo Kivimaki, Auditor	20.00
Conray G. Wharff, Treasurer Trust Funds	20.00
Tracy A. Eaton, Public Welfare	10.00
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	\$ 1,209.65

Unexpended balance	290.35
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\$	1,500.00
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Town Officers' Expenses

Appropriation	\$ 800.00
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Paid:

T. A. Eaton, Agency, Bonds	\$ 143.10
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Brown & Saltmarsh	42.66	
Herman O. Schulze	42.05	
Times-Free Press, Town Reports and Printing	322.00	
Charles F. H. Crathern, Stamps & Etc.	26.20	
Charles F. H. Crathern, Mileage	60.00	
Donat Corriveau, Property Transfers	11.69	
R. C. Akerman	11.10	
Paul G. Robbins	1.45	
Tracey A. Eaton, Stamps & Telephone	14.57	
Tracey A. Eaton, Mileage	3.00	
Cheever & Sullivan, Legal	10.00	
Ass'n of N.H. Assessors	3.00	
Mason Village Savings Bank	3.30	
Edison C. Eastman, Inc.	2.01	
Wheeler & Clark	6.52	
Town Clerk Ass'n	3.00	
Ida Horner, Secretary	3.00	
Sargent Bros. Tax Bills	13.90	
William N. Falconer, Surveying	15.00	
Irma Letter Shop	5.00	
Toivo Kivimaki	3.30	
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	\$ 745.85	
Unexpended balance	54.15	
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	\$	800.00

Social Security

Appropriation	\$	100.00
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Paid:

N.H. Dep't of Public Welfare	\$	95.05
Unexpended balance		4.95

\$ 100.00

Election & Registration

Appropriation	\$	100.00
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Paid:

Times-Free Press	\$	12.50
Brown & Saltmarsh		.60
Cabinet Press		12.60
Guy F. Washburn		12.40

\$ 38.10

Unexpended balance		61.90
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\$ 100.00

Town Hall and other buildings

Paid:

Appropriation	\$	500.00
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Greenville Electric Lighting	\$	34.02
Guy F. Washburn		163.84
Greenville Grain Co.		27.30
Wilton Plumbing & Heating		12.60
Charles Tarbell		5.00
Central Hardware Co.		3.98
George Lord		20.00

\$ 266.74

Unexpended balance	233.26	
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	\$	500.00

Police Department

Appropriation		\$	275.00
Paid:			
A. L. Dunham Jr.	\$	68.43	
Fred Gilson		23.65	
Communication Ass'n		175.00	
S. M. Khn Co.		11.40	
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	\$	278.48	
Overdraft		3.48	
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	\$	275.00	

Fire Department

Appropriation		\$	250.00
Paid			
James Bell	\$	42.28	
Walter F. Leonard		18.75	
Donald Witty		4.00	
State Treasurer		83.94	
Town of Greenville		42.40	
Greenville Dump Fire		94.02	
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	\$	285.39	
Received:			
Town of Greenville		46.01	
Fire pumps		65.00	
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	\$	111.01	
Net expense	\$	174.38	

Unexpended balance	75.62	
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	\$	250.00

Dutch Elm Disease

Appropriation	\$	100.00
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Paid:

R. C. Akerman	\$	20.00
F. A. Bartlet Co.		87.00
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	\$	107.00

Received:

Spraying (Crathern & Rowse)	7.00
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Net	\$	100.00
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Health Department

Appropriation	\$	50.00
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Paid:

Dr. Robert Wellwood	50.00	50.00
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Town Dump

Appropriation	\$	100.00
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Paid:

Town of Greenville	100.00	100.00
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Summer Roads

Appropriation:	\$	4,000.00
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State of New Hampshire (Duncan money)		2,404.12
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Paid:

Harold C. Miller, Truck	\$ 3,065.75
Carl Valyou, Labor	1,121.40
R. L. Robichaud, Gravel	680.00
Eino Helstein, Tractor	260.00
Wilfred Hamel, Moving Bulldozer	60.00
P. J. Keating Co.	83.06
N. E. Asphalt and Tar Co.	837.33
Clyde S. Eaton, Truck	141.40
Pretrometal Industries, Signs	45.19
Charles Tarbell, Labor	32.20

\$ 6,326.33

Received:

Arthur Rafter, Tar	23.06
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\$ 6,303.27

Unexpended balance	100.85
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\$ 6,404.12

Winter Roads

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00
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Paid:

Harold C. Miller, Truck	\$ 598.50
Eino Helstein, Truck	196.00
Winston Hall, Truck	207.00
Carl Valyou, Labor	158.30
Charles Tarbell, Labor	85.00
Alfred Spear, Labor	69.00
Adolph Rajala, Labor	69.00
Eddie Doucette, Labor	19.00
Roy Hayward, Labor	8.00
Loren Brown, Labor	2.30

R. L. Robichaud, Sand	20.00	
Greenville Grain Co., Salt	72.78	
Wilfred Hamel, Moving Tractor	12.00	
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	\$ 1,516.88	
Unexpended balance	483.12	
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		\$ 2,000.00

General Expenses of Highway Dept.

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Paid:		
Laitala's Garage	\$ 102.18	
Douglas Bashan	41.65	
Harold C. Miller	32.40	
Dept. of Public Works & Highways	19.87	
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	196.10	
Unexpended balance	303.90	
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		500.00

Insurance

Appropriation		400.00
Paid:		
T. A. Eaton Agency	276.31	
Tracy A. Eaton	207.28	
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	483.59	
Refund:		
T. A. Eaton Agency	49.42	
Cancelled policy, O. Elliot	8.22	57.64
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Net		425.95

Overdraft	25.95	
	<hr/>	400.00

Street Lighting

Appropriation		225.00
Paid:		
Greenville Electric Lighting Co.	223.20	
Unexpended balance	1.80	
	<hr/>	225.00

Library

Appropriation		200.00
Paid:		
Elizabeth O. Jones, Trustee	200.00	
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Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		400.00
Paid:		
State Treasurer	401.50	
Overdraft	1.50	
	<hr/>	400.00

Public Relief

Appropriation		200.00
Paid:		
T. A. Lizotte, Groceries	12.08	
Greenville Pharmacy, Inc.	11.99	

Leon Russell, Hauling Wood	4.00	
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	28.07	
Unexpended balance	171.93	
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		200.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		100.00
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Paid:

George L. Talcott	50.00	
Carl Valyou	25.00	
Carswell Hawthorne	16.50	
Irving Flagg	8.00	
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	99.50	
Unexpended balance	.50	
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		100.00

Parks and Playgrounds

Appropriation		150.00
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Paid:

Guy F. Washburn	51.00	
Unexpended balance	99.00	
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		150.00

Cemeteries

Appropriation		250.00
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Paid:

Conray G. Wharff, Treasurer	250.00	
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Regional Association

Appropriation	51.00
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Paid:

Monadnock Association	51.00
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Interest

Appropriation	400.00
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Paid:

Wilton National Bank	237.65
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Unexpended balance	162.35
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400.00

Temporary Loans

Paid:

Wilton National Bank	10,000.00
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Long Term Notes

Paid:

Wilton National Bank	4,442.63
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Fees

Paid:

Herman O. Schulze	100.50
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Charles F. H. Crathern	
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Auto—Dog.	137.75
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Donat Corriviau	11.62
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249.87

Refunds

Paid:

James Rowse	2.00	
Wallace Fogg, tax.	6.32	
Chester Ray Whitten,		
Timber bond	50.00	
Le Barlow, Timber bond.	85.00	
		<u>143.32</u>

Head Tax

Paid:

State Treasurer	869.50
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County Tax

Paid:

County Treasurer	2,751.22
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School District

Appropriation 1956-57—Unexpended

balance	12,153.44
Mildred Wharff, Treasurer	12,153.44
Appropriation 1957-58	23,402.41
Mildred Wharff, Treasurer	11,500.00
Unexpended balance	11,902.41
	<u>23,402.41</u>

Soldiers' Monument

Fund	500.00
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Paid:

Bronze Craft Corp.	184.14
F. C. Dumaine, 3rd	21.59
Rock Bros., Inc.	220.50

Marwood Davidson	10.00	
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	436.23	
Unexpended balance	63.77	
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		500 00
Bulldozer Rental Account		
Received: Rental 1956	15.00	
Rental	153.00	
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		168.00
Rental due 1957	82.00	
Rental due 1956	25.00	
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		107.00
Paid:		
Carl Valyou, Labor	47.15	
Wilfred Hamel, Moving Bulldozer	30.00	
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		77.15
Gas and Oil paid by road account.		

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy 1956

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1957:

Property Taxes	4,393.25
Poll Taxes	54.00
Yield Taxes	264.27

Costs	34.80	
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	4,746.32	
Interest Collected During Fiscal Year		
Ended Dec. 31, 1957	103.91	
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Total Debits		4,850.23
	Cr.	
Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal		
Year Ended Dec. 31, 1957:		
Property Taxes	4,393.25	
Poll Taxes	46.00	
Yield Taxes	264.27	
Costs	34.80	
Interest Collected during year	103.91	
Abatements made during year:		
Poll Taxes	8.00	
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		4,850.23

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1956

	Dr.	
Uncollected Taxes as of		
Jan. 1, 1957	160.00	
Penalties Collected during		
1957	14.50	
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		174.50
	Cr.	
Remittance to Treasurer during 1957		
Head Taxes	145.00	
Penalties	14.50	
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		159.50

Abatements during 1957	15.00	
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STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1957

Dr.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector

Original Warrant	975.00	
Added Taxes	10.00	
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Total Commitment	985.00	
Penalties Collected	7.50	
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Total Debits		992.50

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer

Head Taxes	810.00	
Penalties	7.50	
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	817.50	
Abatements	40.00	
Uncollected Head Taxes as per		
Collector's list	135.00	
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Total Credits		992.50

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1957

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector

Property Taxes	32,180.93
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Poll Taxes 306.00

Total Warrant 32,486.93

Yield Taxes 1,944.85

Added Taxes

Property Taxes 8.54

Poll Taxes 4.00

Interest Collected 4.06

Total Debits 34,448.38

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Remittance to Treasurer

Property Taxes 26,126.48

Poll Taxes 260.00

Yield Taxes 1,924.69

Interest Collected 4.06

Discount Allowed 392.18

Abatements 76.60

Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's list

Property Taxes 5,606.22

Poll Taxes 38.00

Yield Taxes 20.16

Total Credits 34,448.39

REPORT OF TAX SALES REDEEMED

As of December 31, 1957

Tax Levy of 1956

	Tax	Int.	Fee	Total
Alfred Caouette	\$ 8.96	.01	.25	9.22
George O. Lord	109.96	1.28	.25	111.49

UNREDEEMED TAXES

As of December 31, 1957

Tax Levy of 1954

	Tax	Int.	Costs	Total
Eino Helstien	\$143.31	7.01	3.90	154.22

Tax Levy of 1956

	Tax	Int.	Costs	Total
Eino Helstien	160.16	5.20	3.65	169.01
Eino Helstien	22.88	.75	1.25	24.88
Eino Helstien	11.44	.36	1.25	13.05
Harry & Ula Williams	166.93	5.43	3.65	176.01

Remittance to Treasurer

Levy 1955 — Interest .05

UNCOLLECTED HEAD & POLL TAXES

Levy 1957

		Head		Poll
Robert K. Anderson	\$	5.00	\$	
Isabel Anderson		5.00		2.00
Samuel Bowen		5.00		
Loretta Bowen		5.00		
Edwin Doucette		5.00		2.00
Marion Gilson		5.00		2.00
Fred S. Gilson		5.00		
Mary C. Gilson		5.00		2.00
James R. Graham		5.00		
Helen R. Graham		5.00		2.00
Alexander Godfrey		5.00		
Ralph G. Haley		5.00		2.00
Elsie Haley		5.00		
Eino Helstien		5.00		2.00
Irene Helstien		5.00		2.00
George O. Lord		5.00		2.00

Hazel B. Lord	5.00	2.00
Barbara J. Polhomus	5.00	
Clinton Rhodes	5.00	2.00
Mary A. Rhodes	5.00	2.00
Paul Rousseau	5.00	2.00
Lucille Rousseau	5.00	2.00
Robert Trempe	5.00	2.00
Alice Trempe	5.00	2.00
Nowal Harding	5.00	2.00
Nita Harding	5.00	2.00
Totals	\$135.00	\$38.00

UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES

Levy of 1957

Residence

Clarence W. Anderson	\$ 129.20
C. W. and Madeline Anderson	263.82
Robert K. Anderson	51.68
James Bell	119.51
Samuel and Loretta Bowen	193.80
Fred L. Brown Heirs	245.48
Edwin and Nellie Doucette	51.68
Robert and Irma Dunham	258.40
Fred and Mary Gilson	145.35
John and Marion Gilson	264.21
James R. Graham	116.28
Ralph Haley	129.20
Eino Helstien	219.64
Oliver and Vivian Ilomaki	396.00
George O. Lord	116.28
Oiva and Helvi Murto	339.80
Oivo and Hilma Murto	38.76
Mary Oulton	426.36
Clinton Rhodes	180.88
Alfred and Margaret Spear	9.69

Harry and Catherine Spear	206.72
Catherine Stuart	64.60
Robert and Alice Trempe	167.96
Arthur Williams Heirs	6.46
Rhea Williams	220.67
Harry and Ula Williams	193.80
Donald Witty	191.22

Total	\$ 4 747.45
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UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES

Levy 1957

Non-Residence

Frederick Johanson	\$ 9.91
William Ayotte	14.21
Frances Boucher	38.76
Camp Taber	6.46
Marjorie Godfrey	129.20
Josephine Hayward	5.17
Ralph Hayward	5.68
Prescott Hendriques	3.36
Charles King	15.50
John and Nellie Morris	103.36
William Mack	4.65
Harry Pearse	323.78
Delbert Porter Heirs	3.10
Fred Ramsey	17.06
Gordon and Phyllis Rossley	14.99
Mary Roddy Heirs	12.92
Arthur J. Smith	31.01
Oscar Somero	1.55
John Swen Heirs	52.46
Isadore Valenti	51.68
Gertrude E. Wilson	10.08
Susan Noble	3.88

Total	\$ 858.77
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REPORT OF TOWN TRUSTEES

December 31, 1957

Boynton Common School Fund

Receipts:

Dartmouth Savings Bank, Interest \$ 60.00

Keene Savings Bank, Interest 133.44

Mason Village Savings Bank, Interest 167.24

\$ 360.63

Payments:

School District Treasurer 360.68

Invested as follows:

Dartmouth Savings Bank \$ 2,000.00

Keene Savings Bank 4,106.84

Mason Village Savings Bank 4,956.23

\$ 11,063.07

Stearns Common School Bequest

Receipts:

Mason Village Savings Bank, Interest 184.68

U. S. Bond 125.00

309.68

Payments:

School District Treasurer 309.68

Invested as follows:

Mason Village Savings Bank 5,469.36

U. S. Bond 5,000.00

10,469.36

Cemetery Fund

Receipts:

Cemetery Trustees, J. O. Reed

Fund \$ 200.00

Mason Village Savings Bank Interest 196.28

\$ 396.28

Payments:

Deposited, Mason Village Savings

Bank 200.00

Cemetery Trustees 196.28

396.28

Invested as follows:

Mason Village Savings Bank \$6,064.33

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

December 31, 1957

Receipts:

Cash on hand \$ 43.73

Selectmen, Town Appropriation 250.00

\$ 293.73

Payments:

R. C. Akerman, Plowing 10.00

Frank Newell, Labor 123.75

Guy Washburn, Mowing 20.00

Porter Washburn, Tractor and labor 19.80

C. G. Wharff, Mowing and labor 113.08

286.63

Cash on hand	7.10	
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Perpetual Care

Receipts:

Cash on hand	\$ 30.42	
Letty S. Proctor, Perpetual Care		
Fund, J. O. Reed lot	200.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	196.28	
	<hr/>	\$ 426.70

Payments:

Trustees of Trust Funds	200.00	
Greenville Grain, Fertilizer and Seed	16.60	
Acme Country Store, Fertilizer	16.16	
R. L. Robichaud, Loam	10.00	
C. G. Wharff, Mowing	135.00	
C. G. Wharff, Loam	3.00	
C. G. Wharff, Paint	2.00	
C. G. Wharff Labor	20.70	
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Cash on Hand	23.24	
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C. G. WHARFF, Treasurer

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

We are glad to report that the balance of assets over liabilities is over \$4,000.00 and that the budget that has been prepared with the Financial Board is about \$2,000.00

less for the town than last year. However the town meeting may see fit to increase it. The bulldozer is in need of repairs, which will cost at least \$1,000.00, and which is included in the budget. What the town decides to do about the fire hazard in the town hall also will affect the money raised at town meeting, as we have not included any money for major changes.

The School Budget is some \$5,000.00 more than last year, so that the total amount to be raised by taxes will be more than last year. This year we had \$2,700.00 we received from property sold, also \$582.39 recovery from Old Age Assistance to apply against the appropriations of last town meeting. We hope that voters will keep these facts in mind at town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL G. ROBBINS

TRACY A. EATON

RAYMOND C. AKERMAN

Selectmen of Mason

REPORT OF TOWN AUDITORS

This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Library Trustees, Trustees of Trust Funds, and Trustees of Cemeteries and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

TOIVI KIVIMAKI

LELAND WILDES

Town Auditors

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Receipts:

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1957	\$ 202.68
Gift	15.00
Town appropriation	200.00
Overdue books	6.00
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	\$ 423.68

Expenditures:

Fuel (to Murto Oil Co.)	94.96
Books (to Publishers Central Bureau)	2.25
(to Old Corner Book Store)	3.25
(to Campbell & Hall)	23.84
(to H. R. Huntting Co.)	38.82
(to Elsie Resor)	3.00
(to Elizabeth O. Jones)	10.00
Dues (to New Hampshire Library Association)	2.00
(to N. H. Library Trustees Association)	1.00
Supplies and equipment	
(to Elizabeth O. Jones)	9.20
(to Gaylord Bros.)	41.02
(to Children's Book Council)	3.10
(to Bro-dart Industries)	33.55
(to Economy Paint Supply)	1.49
Janitor service (to Frank Newell)	2.00
Telephone and postage (to Elsie Resor)	4.66
Graduation gifts to Library Helpers	5.00
Trustees' trip to Concord	1.50
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	280.64
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Balance	143.04

Estimate of Expenditures, Jan.-July, 1958:

Fuel	60.00
Books	15.00
Reference books (State Aid)	50.00
Supplies and equipment	10.00
Janitor service	4.00
Postage and telephone	3.00
Dues	1.00
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	143.00

Estimated cash on hand, July 1, 1958 \$ 1,000.04

REPORT OF LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

	1956	1957
Adult books charged out	282	600
Children's books charged out	1,781	2,600
Magazines charged out	44	47
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Total circulation	2,107	3,200
Bookmobile books used	500	1,288
Books from Concord	100	25
Books bought with town funds	12	30
Gift books	280	*236
Regional and state meetings attended	1	11

* 75 Shieling Grant books are included in this figure. Reference books from State Aid were not yet purchased at the time of turning in this report. The group will include a 20-volume young people's encyclopedia, an unabridged dictionary, and at least 12 other titles.

"A circulating library in a town is as an evergreen tree . . ."—little by little and year by year it grows taller and puts out new branches, and in a particularly fortunate year there is a marked increase in its stature.

The year 1957 was a particularly fortunate one for Mason Public Library. One aspect of our good fortune was like the sun suddenly and magically shining, spotlight-fashion, into our part of the forest. As a result of a survey of all New Hampshire libraries, large and small, Mason was chosen, together with Franconia, Greenfield, and New Boston, to receive the first Shieling Trust Grant for the purchase of books on a cooperative basis. The Grant was for \$1000 to which \$300 was added later. Meeting at six week intervals with Miss Stroud of the State Library, first at one town and then another, we made our selections from the hundreds of beautiful new books she brought for our perusal each time: juveniles, fiction, non-fiction covering every conceivable subject, and particularly the unusual, "special" kind of book which small libraries cannot ordinarily consider, much less buy. The books ordered at one meeting were delivered and distributed at the next, then exchanged at subsequent meetings. Some 300 titles were purchased in all and eventually will be divided to become part of each library's permanent collection, with the understanding that each may borrow any book from any other at any time. We found the experience so valuable and the plan so desirable from so many standpoints that we feel we would like to continue our association by meeting once or twice a year, and to use a proportion of our respective annual appropriations for cooperative book purchasing. The State Library would continue to provide exhibits of books for examination and its guidance and assistance in selecting and ordering. The success of the project stands as a pattern for other New Hampshire libraries; the Grant will be bestowed upon another group this year.

As can be seen from the above statistics, there was a marked increase in circulation in 1957. We are particularly happy over the adult increase. Use of the library as part of the school program has continued, and reading for pleasure has also flourished among the children as more and more new books have been added. The State Library's splendid walk-in Bookmobile, with its opportunities for wider selection, has added appreciably to the children's reading enthusiasm. Groups of books were again loaned to the Vacation Bible School of Mason Congregational Church, and also to the Young Women's Club of the church. The boys and girls who have gone on to high school continue to borrow books regularly and to make requests. Many of these requests, as well as increased realization that our reference and subject material for both junior and senior high school ages was far from adequate, led us to apply for State Aid in purchasing such material. We met with the Assistant State Librarian to discuss the matter thoroughly, and subsequently we were voted by the State Library Commission to receive a grant of \$240 for this purpose, with the understanding that 25% of our appropriation would be added to that sum. The State Library will advise with us and assist us in the processing of the purchase.

We have attended several regional meetings of trustees and librarians representing the towns of Wilton, Milford, Greenville, Brookline, Temple, and New Ipswich for group discussion of library techniques, services and problems, and for examination of new adult and juvenile books. We have not only found these meetings helpful and stimulating, but we have felt more and more, as our local work increases, the importance of sharing in the library program of our region and of our state. At the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Library Association in Concord, last spring, we were asked to talk about the building of our children's room, to exhibit pictures of our library,

and to show our Bookmobile film, "in the hope that other libraries might be inspired to do likewise." We were glad and proud to be designated as a possible source of inspiration to others.

We are indeed grateful for the many fine books which have come to us as gifts, and for the many and various gifts other than books.

As we branch out and begin to be recognized from outside, we realize that we are gradually growing out of our "seedling hood" and are well on the way to becoming a sapling. But upon the development of our roots depends our eventual goal: to become a full-fledged evergreen tree. Our roots, though mostly invisible, are the principal source of our nourishment; they seek to reach into the lives of all of you Mason people, to bring you adequate service, and facilities which meet established public library standards, as you, in turn, respond with increased interest and patronage and a feeling of ownership toward Mason Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH O. JONES

ELSIE RESOR

ESTHER SPALDING

Trustees

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator: Mr. Tracy Eaton	March 1958
Clerk: Miss Sybil M. Beatham	March 1958
Treasurer: Mrs. Mildred Wharff	June 1958
Acting Treasurer Pro Tem: Mrs. Virginia Rafter	
Auditors: Mr. Toivo Kivimaki	March 1958
Mr. Leland A. Wildes	March 1958

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Miss Margaretta Voorhees	March 1958
Mrs. Elsa Crathern, Chairman	March 1959
Mr. Harold Forrest	March 1960

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Newell J. Paire, Resigned December 1, 1957
Mr. Kenneth A. Sargent, as of December 1, 1957

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Sybil M. Beatham, R. N.

SCHOOL DOCTOR

Robert Wellwood, M. D.

TEACHING STAFF FOR 1957-58

Mr. John Sturm, Principal	Grades, 4, 5, 6
Mrs. John Sturm	Grades 7, 8
Mrs. Neta Frost	Grades 1, 2, 3
Miss Elsie F. Wheeler	Music Supervisor

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1957-58:

School opens January 6, 1958, Closes February 21

School opens March 3, Closes April 25

School opens May 5 Closes June 13

Holiday: May 30, 1958

1958-59:

School opens September 3, 1958, Closes November 26

School opens December 1, Closes December 19

School opens January 5, 1959, Closes February 20

School opens March 2, Closes April 24

School opens May 4, Closes June 12

Teachers' Convention October 16-17

Total Number of School Days	180
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Total Number of School Weeks	36
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SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1958-1959

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1958 and comparative analysis of expenditures.

	Expended	Budgeted	Estimated
			Budget
	1956-1957	1957-58	1958-59

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Sal. of Dist. Officers	\$ 210.00	\$ 212.00	\$ 212.00
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2.	Sup't Sal. (local share) *	240.30	265.50	210.00
3.	Tax for State Wide Supervision	118.00	154.00	164.00
4.	Salaries of Other Admn. Personnel	142.40	177.00	261.40
5.	Supplies and Expenses	302.98	254.38	302.20

INSTRUCTION:

6.	Teachers' Salaries	8,939.29	10,195.00	10,820.00
7.	Textbooks & Other Instructional Aids	554.62	271.00	391.00
8.	Scholars' Supplies	598.94	529.00	524.00
10.	Other Instr. Expenses	20.13	33.00	33.00

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

11.	Salary of Custodian	342.00	405.00	505.00
12.	Fuel or Heat	414.05	600.00	600.00
13.	Water, Light and Other Expenses	251.30	233.00	250.00

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

14.	Repairs and Replacements	364.64	205.00	265.00
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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

15.	Health Supervision	156.23	195.00	210.00
16.	Transportation	4,040.00	4,100.00	5,105.00
17.	Tuition:			
	High School (a)	3,977.75	4,345.00	7,238. 00
	Elementary (b)			464.00
18.	Special Fund Activities	65.29	140.00	140.00
18a.	School Milk Program	185.46		

FIXED CHARGES:

19. Teacher Retirement	595.46	690.53	551.73
20. Insurance, Bonds & Expenses	131.81	136.00	298.43

Total Current Expenses	\$21,650.55	\$23,040.41	\$28,444.82
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CAPITAL OUTLAY:

21. Land and New Buildings	102.50	50.00	80.00
22. Additions and Improve- ments		50.00	
23. New Equipment	813.97	150.00	20.00

DEBT AND INTEREST:

25. Payments on Principal	600.00	600.00	700.00
26. Payments of Interest	13.60	112.00	79.78

Total Amount Required to Meet School

Board's Budget	\$23,180.62	\$24,002.41	\$29,324.60
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In and Out Items	126.25		
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	\$23,306.87		
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Cash on Hand June 30, 1957	1.07		
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Total Gross Payments

For All Purposes	\$23,307.94		
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Actual	Estimated	Estimated
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INCOME OF DISTRICT:

Balance on Hand

June 30, 1956	366.16	1.07	None
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Federal Aid: School Milk 185.46

Trust Funds	652.11	600.00	600.00
Other Sources	24.52		
Local Taxation:			
Current Approp.	19,453.44		
Special Approp.	2,500.00		
In and Out Items	126.25		
Total Gross Income	\$23,307.94		
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME		601.07	600.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT REQUIRED TO MEET SCHOOL BOARD'S BUDGET		\$23,401.34	\$28,724.60
*Supervisory Union #63 Share of Superintendent's Salary \$5400; State's Share \$2500.			

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1957

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Salaries of District Officers	\$	210.00
2. Superintendent's Salary (local share)		240.30
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision		118.00
4. Salaries of Other Admin. Personnel		142.40
5. Supplies and Expenses		302.98

INSTRUCTION:

6. Teachers' Salaries		8,939.29
7. Books and Other Instructional Aids		554.62

8. Scholars' Supplies	598.94
10. Supplies and Other Expenses	20.13

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

11. Salaries of Custodians	342.00
12. Fuel or Heat	414.05
13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	251.30

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

14. Repairs and Replacements	364.64
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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:

15. Health Supervision	156.23
16. Transportation	4,040.00
17. Tuition	3,977.75
18. Special Activities	65.29
18a. School Milk	185.46

FIXED CHARGES:

19. Retirement	595.36
20. Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses	131.81

Total Net Current Expenses	<hr/> \$21,650.55
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CAPITAL OUTLAY:

21. Lands and New Buildings	102.50
23. New Equipment	813.97

DEBT AND INTEREST:

25. Principal of Debt	600.00
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26. Interest on Debt	13.60
Total Net Payments For All Purposes	\$23,180.62
Cash on Hand at End of Year, June 30, 1957	1.07
Grand Total Net Payments	\$23,181.69
In and Out Items	126.25
Total Gross Payments	\$23,307.94

RECEIPTS

Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch and Special Milk	185.46
Local Taxation:	
Current Appropriation	19,453.44
Special Appropriation	2,500.00
Other Sources:	
Trust Funds	652.11
Other	24.52
Total Net Receipts From All Sources	22,815.53
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1956	366.16
Grand Total Net Receipts	23,181.69
In and Out Items	126.25
Total Gross Receipts	\$23,307.94

Balance Sheet June 30, 1957

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash on Hand		Notes & Bonds	
June 30, 1957	1.07	Outstanding	600.00

Net Debt	598.93	
Grand Total	600.00	600.00

Status of School Notes and Bonds

Outstanding at Beginning of Year	1,200.00
Payments on Principal of Debt	600.00

Notes Outstanding at End of Year	\$ 600.00
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Respectfully submitted,
 ELSA CRATHERN
 HAROLD FORREST
 MARGAREETA VOORHEES
 School Board

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1956	\$	366.16
Received from Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation	\$	19,453.44
Special Appropriation		2,500.00
Received as Income from Trust Funds		652.11
Received from State Treasurer:		
Federal Funds		185.46
Received from all Sources		150.77
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	22,941.78
Total Amount Available For Fiscal Year		23,307.94

Less School Board Orders Paid 23,306.87

Balance on Hand June 30, 1957 \$ 1.07
July 12, 1957

MILDRED H. WHARFF

District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Mason of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957 and find them correct in all respects.

July 12, 1957

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Auditor

SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

Serial Notes dated August 1, 1957 \$3500—

Payable at Souhegan National Bank

Date Due	Interest	Principal	Balance
Feb. 1, 1958	\$44.73	\$	\$3,500.00
Aug. 1, 1958	44.00	700.00	2,800.00
Feb. 1, 1959	35.78		
Aug. 1, 1959	35.20	700.00	2,100.00
Feb. 1, 1960	26.84		
Aug. 1, 1960	26.40	700.00	1,400.00
Feb. 1, 1961	17.89		
Aug. 1, 1961	17.60	700.00	700.00

Feb. 1, 1962	8.95	
Aug. 1, 1962	8.80	700.00

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR

ENDING JUNE 30, 1957

ENROLLMENT

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	12	9	7						28
Grammar				12	6	8	7	7	40
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									68

ATTENDING SCHOOLS ELSEWHERE

Appleton Academy	12
Wilton High School	2
Townsend High School	1
Parochial Schools Outside District	2

ATTENDANCE

School	Ave. Member.	Ave. Attend.	Percent of Attend.	Tardineses Total	Per Pupil
Primary	27.50	26.30	94.00	11	.42
Grammar	36.90	34.40	93.00	15	.44
Visits by Superintendent			52		

STATISTICS FIRST TWENTY WEEKS 1957-58

Census: (1 day to 18 yrs. in.)	Boys 77; Girls 73; Total 150
Attending Mason Public Schools	76
Attending Public Schools Outside District	17
Attending Parochial Schools Outside District	2
Attending Private Schools Outside District	1

ENROLLMENT

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	14	12	8						34
Intermediate				11	11	7			29
Grammar							7	8	15
									78

ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
Primary	32.01	28.27	90.00
Intermediate	27.10	24.14	89.20
Grammar	13.41	11.30	84.30

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Mason:

I respectfully submit my first annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

STAFF AND INSTRUCTION

The Mason Public School opened this fall with the same staff that taught in the school during the past year. Mrs. Neta Frost of Greenville is teaching in Grades 1, 2 and 3; Mr. John Sturm, Principal and teacher in Grades 4, 5 and 6, and Mrs. Jean Sturm in Grades 7 and 8. Miss Elsie Wheeler continues as Music Supervisor and teacher, Miss Sybil Beatham, R. N. as School Nurse, Dr. Robert Wellwood as School Doctor and Frank Newell as Custodian.

With the completion of the renovation of the Parsonage during this past year sound educational progress is

being made at the Mason School. The housing of grades 7 and 8 in the parsonage has reduced the overall teacher-pupil load, and has provided opportunity for individual help for children experiencing some difficulty, and also opportunity for challenging experiences for those youngsters ready for such motivation. Mrs. Frost is especially to be complimented for her efforts in handling thirty-four youngsters at the very difficult level of grades 1, 2 and 3. Considerable time, effort and energy must be regularly put forth to obtain the best from each of these children.

Some setback was experienced in all schools, including Mason due to the onslaught of the Asiatic Flu which just about closed down school for a period of about two weeks. Conscientious effort is being made to make up lost ground.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The buildings are in good condition and a nominal amount of money spent each year will continue to maintain our plant in proper condition. In another year, however, funds should be provided within the budget for interior painting for one of the main rooms.

One problem has been with us for some time but is in the process of being solved by the School Board. For years funds have been expended for carting away from the school, trash which naturally accumulates in a school. The carting is difficult to do and rather expensive, especially in the winter. In the hopes of solving this problem, and in the long run saving the district money, an outside masonry incinerator is going to be constructed from funds made available for properly equipping the Parsonage. Expert advice has indicated that it is not possible to install an incinerator within either building without an unusual expenditure. This incidentally is the arrangement in all other schools in the Union for disposing of waste.

FINANCE

The School Board's Budget for 1958-59 calls for an appropriation of \$29,324.60 an increase of \$5,322.19 over the amount appropriated for this current year. This certainly is a considerable increase, approximately 22.2% more than last year's appropriation, but it should be noted that the bulk of the increases are in the areas of Tuition \$3,357.00 and Transportation \$1,005.00, both statutory obligations. The final area of moderate increase is in the area of Teachers' Salaries which must increase if we are to hold, or attract teachers. It is interesting to note that throughout our state an average of 56% of Total Current Expenses is used for Teachers' Salaries. In Mason we will spend next year only 37.1% for salaries. It is interesting also to note that in the year 1927-28 Mason estimated that they would pay 42% of Current Expenses for Teachers' Salaries. This is not only true for that year, but for any year in that decade. Needless to say even though the budget has increased it has not been due to increased teachers' salaries. In fact costs for instruction have been very reasonable. It will be surprising if Mason continues to hold and attract good teachers at such comparatively low figures.

The problem of tuition expense is one brought about by two factors; One, increased tuition rates at Appleton Academy which next year reach the State Average of \$367 per pupil; Two, increased numbers of children attending high school. It should be said, that for many years children of Mason have been attending the Academy at rates far below the State Average. This financial problem of tuition costs has encouraged the School Board to carefully investigate the advantages and disadvantages of an exclusive contract with Appleton Academy, making the Academy Mason's High School. A study committee to probe into the possibilities of such a contract might

uncover some saving to the Town with no loss of educational opportunity. A preliminary survey by the School Board indicates a possible saving of some \$800 during 1958-59.

A look into the future indicates that by 1961-62 there could be 33 children in Mason attending high school. These figures are determined from current census figures projected into the future, and not considering any increase in enrollment such as has been experienced over the past few years. It is possible that by this date, 1961-62, high school tuition costs will have increased from \$367 per pupil to about \$400. If this is so Mason's tuition bill could be about \$13,000, or more than half of this year's current assessment.

The income estimated for next year is the same as for this current year \$600 which will result in a school district assessment of \$28,724.60.

Questions have been asked relative to why Mason receives no State Aid for the support of its schools. This question was answered to some extent in the Superintendent's Report in 1955, in which the method of Foundation Aid support was outlined. The unfortunate part of this Aid Plan is that 1955-56 figures have to be used as the base for providing aid in 1957-58. It is felt that the increased enrollment in the Mason School in 1956-57 will result in some State Foundation Aid in 1958-59. The exact amount, however, is too much of a guess for a definite amount to appear in the budget, since there is always the possibility of funds not being available.

Due to the increased costs of High School tuition during this current year, costs above those estimated, it is expected that a deficit of approximately \$1,500 will be

in evidence by the end of this fiscal year. It will be necessary to receive from the Town an advance on next year's appropriation to meet this deficiency.

CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the Mason School Board and staff for their helpfulness and cooperation in continuing a high quality of education in Mason.

KENNETH A. SARGENT

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF NEW SCHOOL ANNEX

Faced with the problem of obtaining more space for our growing school population, the School Board last year explored various possibilities and at the Annual School District Meeting in March 1957 presented its recommendation that an agreement be formulated with the Congregational Church of Mason for use of the first floor of the Parsonage. Certain alterations and improvements in that building were necessary to make its facilities proper and desirable for school use. At the District Meeting the town voted to approve a six-year lease with the Church for an annual rental of \$1.00 and authorized the School Board to borrow \$3,500.00 to effect the necessary renovations.

It is with pleasure that your School Board reports successful progress in this project. Heating and plumbing were installed, removal of a wall provided an adequate classroom, cellar timbers were repaired or replaced, the premises were painted, storm sash provided and school furniture purchased. The final accounting is not due until the close of the school year in June 1958, but your School

Board feels that you will be interested in the following preliminary report of expenditures:

Carpentry	\$ 584.95
Heating	959.00
Plumbing	619.57
Equipment	209.79
Doors & Windows	367.50
Lighting Fixtures	99.32
Supplies & Labor	320.99
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Total	\$ 3,161.12

Although the project is not entirely completed, there should be no difficulty in finishing within the \$3,500.00 authorized.

The School Board greatly appreciates the cooperative spirit of the town in accomplishing this program. Many have volunteered their help and shown their interest. We are grateful to the heirs of the Merriam estate who willingly released the premises from former restrictions. Trustees and members of the Congregational Church, and the Sunday School staff, have been most helpful in contributing to smooth functioning of the plan. The seventh and eighth grade pupils and their teacher have enjoyed the facilities provided and we know they join the Board in thanking the people of Mason for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSA CRATHERN

HAROLD FORREST

MARGARETTA VOORHEES

Mason School Board

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

The music program is adapted to the grades and ages of the children. In the primary room the girls and boys are taught many songs by rote, that is, by imitation. Help is given individually so that a tune can be carried correctly. Activities such as marching, skipping, clapping, dramatizing songs and folk dancing are enjoyed. Playing rhythm band instruments such as rhythm sticks, bells, triangles, etc., develops good listening habits as well as rhythm. During the second year simple note reading is introduced.

The ability to read music, along with music theory, is developed as the children progress from grade to grade. In the upper grades, other class activities include listening to recordings, stories of composers and musical instruments, playing song flutes, folk and square dancing.

Music has been used in school assemblies and for three programs at Christmas, Memorial and Graduation, which were presented for parents and friends in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE F. WHEELER

Music Supervisor

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

The enlarged enrollment in the Mason Public Schools made for over-crowding, but the town was fortunate that no communicable diseases caused an epidemic. The co-operation of the parents was most helpful in this matter.

I made eleven visits to the school during the year to check on the general health of the children and to test their

hearing and carry on the work of a school nurse. There were two cases of pediculosis, a few children had poison ivy and a series of respiratory infections caused distress during the winter months.

Three clinics were held during the school year. The Mason School Club provided a committee to aid in transporting the children to Dr. Roy's office in Wilton for treatment in the fall, and also matched the funds of the N. H. Dental Health Department to aid in paying for the services of the dentist. Clerks were also provided for the two Polio vaccine clinics held in September and in March 1957, to complete the Salk Polio Vaccine Program that was started May 1955. Mrs. Marie Fahey and Mrs. Hazel Somes, State Public Health Nurses, supervised the clinics and Dr. Wellwood gave the vaccine. Pre-school children and pregnant mothers were included in these clinics.

I used the single audiometer to test the hearing of the children and two children were found who need to be re-checked in the fall for a possible loss of hearing. During the next year I will examine by means of the Telebinocular the children whom I did not test this year.

Dr. Wellwood examined the children and I assisted by keeping records and sending notes to those parents whose children had defects.

Defects found:

Defective teeth	14
Overweight	3
Poor posture	4
Enlarged tonsils	6
Wax in ears	4

Acne
Asthma

Respectfully submitted.

SYBIL M. BEATHAM, R.N.

School Nurse

The State Department of Health, with the cooperation of the local and State School Departments, conducted a series of three Salk Vaccine Clinics at which first, second and third inoculations were given by Dr. Robert Wellwood and Dr. Augusta Law.

There were forty-nine pre-school children, one hundred and thirty-four school children and five pregnant women, given the vaccine at the local school clinics.

Women of the Town serviced the clinics and Registered Nurses in the area assisted with the inoculations.

The National Polio Foundation through its March of Dimes fund furnished the first Salk Vaccine to State Departments throughout the United States.

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the town of Mason qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in

said district on the 14th day of March 1958, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Given under our hands at said Mason this 7th day of
February 1958.

ELSA CRATHERN

HAROLD FORREST

MARGARETTA R. VOORHEES

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ELSA CRATHERN

HAROLD FORREST

MARGARETTA R. VOORHEES

School Board

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests	3
Motor vehicle accidents	3
Missing persons	1
Aid by other towns	3
Aid to other towns	1
Stray dogs	4
Dogs hit by motor vehicles	3
Court cases	3

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT L. DUNHAM JR.

Chief of Police

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

New Hampshire faces a continuing challenge in its forest fire problem — 97 per cent of all our forest fires being man-caused and preventable — a serious indictment of interest in our own welfare and that of our neighbor. Both the State and the towns are striving diligently to effectively meet the challenge through education of the public to the threat fire presents to our woodlands; by maintaining a well trained corps of wardens and deputy wardens in every community and by providing ample opportunity for all who wish to dispose of unwanted waste materials. Careless and perverseness, however, continue to be the big hurdles.

Thoughtlessly discarded lighted cigars, cigarettes and matches from moving vehicles, by hikers, hunters and fishermen; careless burning of debris during hazardous periods in dangerous locations; illegal burning; improperly extinguished debris, camp and cook fires — all result in serious loss of property disruption of industry and farm work and unnecessary expenditure of town and state funds.

To meet the challenge successfully, the state, your community and your local forest fire warden need YOUR thoughtful and cooperative effort — The rules are simple.

1. Don't burn at home — use your town dump and avoid all fire problems.

2. If you do burn, be sure to secure a written permit from your local forest fire warden when the ground is not covered with snow. Permits are required for open debris fires, home incinerators, outdoor fire places and camp fires. Your warden is instructed to permit burning if weather conditions, site and type of burning are safe.

3. Be sure that all lighted material — cigars, cigarettes and matches — are completely out before discarding them. Use ash trays in automobiles.

4. Make certain that your debris, camp and cook fires are completely out before leaving them.

5. Insist that others be careful and comply with burning requirements.

6. Call the warden promptly when fire is detected and aid him to extinguish it.

REMEMBER — the fire you prevent might be the one which could burn YOUR property.

REMEMBER — Forest Fire Prevention is Everybody's Business and our Most Important Undertaking.

Number of fires	0
Acreage burned	0
Number of permits issued	22

Respectfully submitted,

WINTHROP HANNAFORD

District Fire Chief

JAMES BELL

Forest Fire Warden

ACTION TAKEN AT 1957 TOWN MEETING

Town Meeting and polls opened by moderator at 1:00 P. M. Warrant read. Motion made and passed to postpone action on all Articles until 8:00 P. M. Polls closed by moderator at 7:30 P. M. Ballots counted. Meeting called

to order at 8:00 P. M. by moderator. Result of polls read to audience.

Article 1. Esther Spalding elected Library Trustee for 3 years; Tracy Eaton elected Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years; Frank Newell elected Trustee of Cemetery Funds for 3 years; Toivo Kivimaki and Leland Wildes elected Town Auditors for 1 year.

Article 2. \$13,236.66 authorized for Town Budget. This included additions to the submitted Budget of \$175.00 for police radio and \$100.00 additional to Parks and Playgrounds account.

Article 3. Selectmen and Treasurer authorized to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 4. Voted 2% 30 days discount on tax bills.

Article 5. Selectmen were authorized "to sell for a fair price the Orvin Elliott place and such vacant land, with the approval of the Financial Advisory Board, as they judge will bring to the Town more financial profit than loss."

Article 6. Voted to have all unexpended balances of Town appropriations — excluding school funds— returned to General Fund.

Article 7. Indefinitely postponed.

Article 8. Authorized 8% of Town's 10% allowance to Tax Collector as compensation for collecting Head Taxes.

Article 9. Old Home Day report made by chairman,

Leland Wildes. Talbot Hood elected chairman of 1957 Old Home Day committee.

Carl Valyou selected as chairman for Memorial Day. Soldiers' Monument committee to assist him in exercises.

Motion made and seconded that recommendations of Planning Board re Building Code be accepted. While under discussion, no vote having been taken, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Passed. Moderator, having set no hour to continue meeting — a motion still being before the house — declared Chair out of order and meeting in recess only. Meeting reopened and vote taken on original motion. Standing vote requested. Defeated 28-22.

Motion to adjourn passed at 12:10 A. M.

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Meeting called to order by Moderator at 8:30 P. M. Warrant read by Moderator. Charles Babb, chairman of Planning Board, recognized and read to citizens suggestions of Planning Board, copies of which were distributed to all. The following enactment will be known as the Building Code of the Town of Mason, N.H.

In order to maintain the health, safety, convenience, morals, future beauty and general welfare of the Town of Mason, the following ordinance was enacted this date.

All residential dwellings built or buildings converted for residential purposes within the boundaries of the Town of Mason, shall meet the following standards:

1. All dwellings and so-called summer camps here-

after erected shall have masonry footings and foundations. Footings for 8-inch foundations shall be not less than 8 inches deep and not less than 16 inches wide. Footings for 12-inch foundations shall not be less than 8 inches deep and not less than 20 inches wide. The presence of ledge can be considered as sufficient footing and/or foundation. All footings shall be below frost action.

2. All structures shall be of standard construction. Frame structures shall be on sills of at least 2" x 8" sound materials anchored flatwise to foundation. Girders not less than 6" x 8" supported on piers or posts not over 8' centers. Floor joists not over 14' long shall be not less than 2" x 8" Floor joists of over 14' span shall be larger. All spans over 8' shall be bridged 8' or less. All openings in floors or side walls that exceed 2' 6" shall be surrounded by double headers and trimmers. All studding shall be 2" x 4" excepting non bearing partitions which may be 2" x 3". Rafters shall be 2" x 6", excepting rafters less than 7', which can be 2" x 4". All above framing shall be standard 16" centers.

3. Chimneys if constructed shall be on a suitable footing of masonry construction, containing flue lining, extending at least three feet higher than adjoining roof.

4. Sidewalls shall be finished with permanent standard materials. Two years will be allowed for application of above sidewall materials.

5. Roofs on new construction or replacement on old structures shall be of fire resistant standard materials.

6. Electric wiring to be installed by a registered electrical contractor, or job in process and finished job to

be inspected and approved by registered electrician to conform with National Electrical Code.

7. Privy, septic tank, leaching area, cesspools, shall be 75' from wells or adjoining property, except as otherwise approved by the Health Officer or Board of Health.

Enforcement:

1. Enforcement shall be the duty of the Board of Selectmen and the Board is hereby given the authority to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

2. There shall be an Inspector of Buildings, such office to be chosen by the Board of Selectmen.

3. The Building Inspector shall issue any and all building permits when such request is in accordance with provisions of this ordinance. The fee for such permit shall be \$1.00 payable to the Inspector.

4. Upon well founded information that this Ordinance is being violated, the Selectmen shall, on their own initiative, take immediate steps to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance by any legal means.

5. Two years shall be granted to comply with this Code after permit is issued.

Amendments:

This Ordinance may be amended by a majority vote of any legal Town Meeting, when such amendment is published in the Town Warrant calling for the meeting, and when such amendment has received a Public Hearing which hearing has been advertised and given fifteen (15) days notice.

Saving Clause:

The invalidity of any provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

When Effective:

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Motion passed that all votes be by written ballot. Moved and seconded that report be accepted in full as read. Discussion of recommendations followed. Ballots passed out and written votes accepted by Moderator and Town Clerk. Ballots counted by them, assisted by Selectmen.

Votes cast 65 Affirmative 38. Negative 27.

Motion passed to adjourn at 10:15 P. M.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Jan. 6	Audrey Gail	Talbot R. Hood Eleanor E. Boyd
Jan. 20	Dana Walter	Guy Porter Washburn Laila Suominen
Apr. 30	Alan Frederick	Norval B. Harding Neta V. Elliott
Aug. 21	Linda Marie	Fernand Bergeron Lorraine M. Leger

MARRIAGES

Date	Name	Address	By Whom
Feb. 27	Alvin Victor Stander—	Boston, Mass.	
	Joan Ann Crumpler—	Weston, Mass.	
		C. F. H. Crathern—	J.P.
		Mason, N.H.	

- May 12 Ray VanNorman Loter—Mason, N.H.
 Judith Fay Martin—Fitchburg, Mass.
 John F. Cahill—Priest
 Fitchburg, Mass.
- July 1 Clifford L. Shipley—Mason, N.H.
 Martha H. Sanford—Middlebury, Conn.
 Charles Ives—Pastor
 Middlebury, Conn.
- Aug. 3 Norman Joseph Leger—Mason, N.H.
 Elaine Leona Fortin—Greenville, N.H.
 U. J. Simoneau—Priest
 Greenville, N.H.
- Nov. 18 James Thomas Angelos—Fitchburg, Mass.
 Cynthia Sue Worster—Lunenburg, Mass.
 C. F. H. Crathern—J.P
 Mason, N.H.

DEATHS

Date	Name	Address	Place of Burial
Jan. 1	Sarah T. Crathern—	Detroit, Mich.	Mason, N.H.
Feb. 4	Lena Rollins—	Chesterfield, N.H.	Mason, N.H.
Aug. 21	Francis J. Coyne—	Mason, N.H.	Lancaster, Mass.
Nov. 22	John William Jones—	Mason, N.H.	Mason, N.H.
Dec. 20	Michael Dwyer—	Mason, N.H.	Mason, N.H.

